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1. A plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovenia was held in Ljubljana on 3 and 4 March 1950. The Party has been undergoing a minor crisis for some time, caused by a variance of opinion among a few ranking members over ideological and political questions, not only affecting Slovenia but Yugoslavia in general.
2. The schism was most evident between Miha Marinko, Boris Kraigher and Victor Avbelj on one hand and Ivan Macek, Janez Hribar and Stane Kavcic, on the other. The former were of the opinion that Yugoslavia should not stray too far from the West if she hoped to succeed with plans for socialization of the country. Macek, Hribar and Kavcic stated that Yugoslav courtship of the West is straying too far from the Communist Party line which, consequently, affects the Communist masses and holds the Party up to ridicule in the eyes of the Cominformists.
3. Macek, Hribar and Kavcic called the attention of the Committee to the decline of Yugoslav Communism. Their main contentions were built on the theme that peasants and factory workers alike are deviating largely from the Party line and doctrines, rapidly acquiring a bourgeois mentality. They concluded that the Committee should adopt stringent measures to cope with this attitude manifested among Slovene workers, Party and non-Party members, and which is mainly attributable to lax Party discipline.
4. Jozc Potrc submitted a report about the unsuccessful youth movement in Slovenia, complaining that Slovene youth takes little genuine interest in Party youth organizations and activity. Stane Kavcic also was critical of the Party indoctrination of Slovene youth and demanded that the Plenum take corrective measures.
5. Sergej Kraigher read a report on the critical economic situation in Slovenia and exhorted the members to do everything possible to bring the Five Year Plan to a successful conclusion. At the close of the Fourth Plenary session, the Central Committee agreed to appoint Sergej Kraigher, Vice President of the Republic of Slovenia, to the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovenia.

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